

NOTICE OF TAX AND LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE

Under and by virtue of a Judgment entered in the action entitled "County of Durham and City of Durham vs. Heirs of Lena Crews Harper and James T. Harper, et als," File No. 21-CVS-3732, the undersigned Commissioner will, on the 12th day of April, 2022, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction, at the Durham County Justice Center, 510 South Dillard Street, in Durham, North Carolina, at 12:00 o'clock, Noon, the following described real property, lying and being in the County of Durham, State of North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

Four Vacant Lots: 2100, 2104, 2108 and 2110 Cheek Road

Durham County Tax Parcel IDs 159597, 159596, 159595 and 159594

(former Tax Parcel IDs 600-02-012, 600-02-011, 602-02-010 and 602-02-009)

Durham County GIS PIN No. 0842-17-10-3575, 0842-17-10-4564, 0842-17-10-5554 and 0842-17-10-6522

ALL FOUR PARCELS TO BE FORECLOSED AND SOLD AS ONE TRACT

ESTIMATED MINIMUM BID: \$52,358

LYING at the southeastern intersection of Cheek Road and North Hoover Road (formerly called the Watson Roadway), and being all of Lots 49 and 50 of EAST HIGHLAND, Group 2, as per plat and survey thereof now on file in Plat Book 12 at page 47, Durham County Registry, AND all of Lots 1 and 2 of PROPERTY OF T.T. WISEMAN AND W.A. INGOLD, a Resubdivision of Lots 51, 52, 52 and 54 of EAST HIGHLAND, as per plat and survey thereof now on file in Plat Book 19 at page 161, Durham County Registry, BUT SAVE, RESERVE AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM so much of said property as was taken by/conveyed to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the widening and improvement of Cheek Road and North Hoover Road by instrument recorded in Book 2447 at page 689, Durham County Registry, said excepted parcel being more particularly shown on Sheet 17 of 18, NCDOT Map Book 2 at page 41 (Project 8.T351207), Durham County Registry.

This is the same identical property conveyed to Lena Crews Harper and her son James T. Harper, as tenants in common, by deed recorded in Deed Book 212 at page 555, Durham County Registry. Both Lena Crews Harper and James T. Harper are deceased. What follows is the heir history:

HEIR HISTORY: Lena Crews Harper died intestate on August 29, 1983 (Estate File 83-E-785, Durham County Clerk). Her husband Clem Harper (AKA Preston Clem Harper) predeceased her in 1981. She was survived by three children: James T. Harper, Preston Clem Harper, Jr., and Lillian Swanoah Harper Williams. All three of these children and heirs are deceased.

Preston Clem Harper, Jr. Line: Preston Clem Harper, Jr. died intestate on March 10, 1993. His heirs were a surviving spouse, Rosa Mae Roundtree Harper, and three children: Elaine Rose Harper, Cynthia Lill Harper and Preston James Harper. Rosa Mae Roundtree Harper died intestate on September 3, 2020, survived by the same three children.

Lillian Swanoah Harper Williams Line: Lillian Swanoah Harper Williams died testate on November 2, 2003. Her will, probated in Estate File 04-E-259, Durham County Clerk, devised her property to two cousins: Sonya Elaine Hedgepeth and Jacqueline "Jackie" Crews. Jacqueline Crews is now known as Jacqueline Crews Qualles. Sonya Elaine Hedgepeth died intestate on August 30, 2020, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She had no surviving spouse or lineal descendants, her sole heirs were three full siblings: Veda Adele Hedgepeth Wilson, Carlos Levantes Hedgepeth and Jerry Lamont Hedgepeth, and one half-sibling: Laurin Letisha Russ

James Thomas Harper Line: James Thomas Harper died intestate on November 18, 2004, a resident of Roosevelt, NY. There is an unprobated will filed at 05-E-370, Durham County Clerk, which purported to devise his property to a surviving spouse, Phyllis Lynn Fleming Harper. However, unprobated wills do not pass title, so his heirs are intestate heirs only. These intestate heirs would be a surviving spouse, Phyllis Lynn Fleming Harper, and two daughters, Susanne N. Johnson and Lynette M. Campbell. Phyllis Lynn Fleming Harper died intestate on March 9, 2017, survived by the same two daughters.

This property is subject to pending City housing enforcement actions, if any.

This sale will be made subject to city and county property taxes for the year 2022 and subsequent years and all local improvement assessments against the above-described property not included in the judgment in the above-entitled cause. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the successful bid will be required.

This the 22nd day of March, 2022.

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